

THE DITTO

CLASS OF '44

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CHARLES E. LEACH

(CLASS OF 1942)

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THE DITTO

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THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1944

MAROA HIGH SCHOOL

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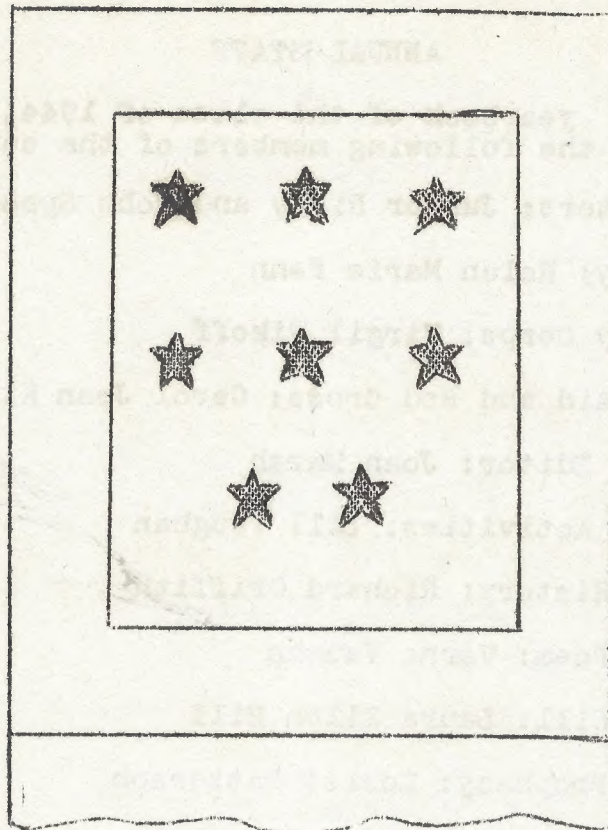
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DEDICATION

We, the Senior Class of 1944, wish to dedicate our annual to the boys who have left our class to join the armed forces:

Paul Caldwell
Robert Camp
Elwood Crutcher
Bill Hambrecht

Bill Montgomery
John Osborn
John Spooner
Robert Wentworth

Though we hated to see them leave, we are proud of those boys and of the many others from our class who will soon follow.

We're thinking of you, boys, and we hope this annual will bring many happy memories.

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ANNUAL STAFF

"The Ditto", the yearbook of the class of 1944, was prepared and assembled by the following members of the senior class.

Co-Editors: Junior Riley and John Spooner

Faculty: Helen Marie Penn

Victory Corps: Virgil Wikoff

First Aid and Red Cross: Carol Jean Kirby

Senior Editor: Joan Marsh

Senior Activities: Bill Vaughan

Class History: Richard Griffith

Class Poem: Verna Vaughn

Class Will: Laura Ellen Hill

Class Prophecy: Louise Patterson

Classes: Billye Ann Hoffman

Activities Editor: Dorothy Mashburn

Athletics: Russell Wentworth

Art Editor: Naomi Scott

Business Manager: Ruth Larrick

Typists: Ruth Bricker, Bonnie Faber, June Hughes, Mary E. Wikoff, Shirley Bolne, Roberta Rogers, Laura Hill, Helen Albert

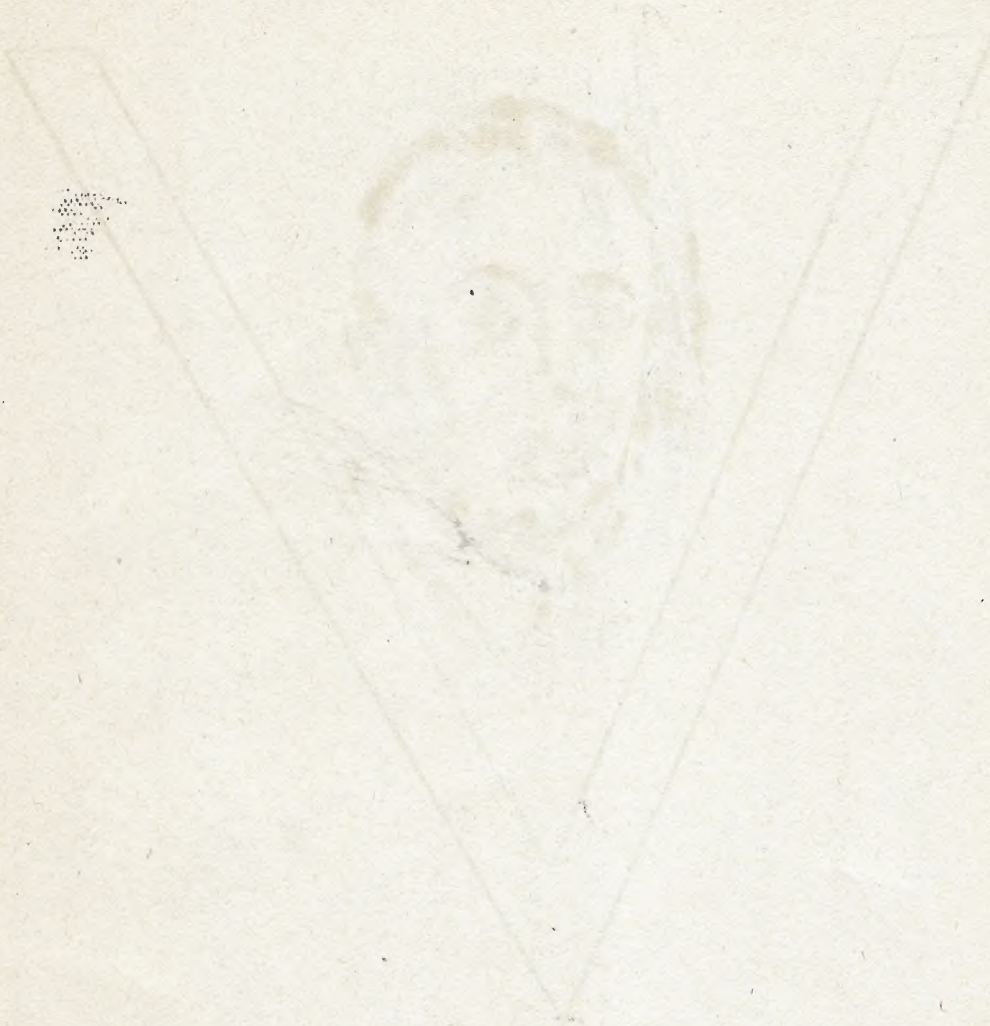
Press: Russell Wentworth, James Leach, Bob Daggett, Arthur Winemiller, Carl Riley, Jack Cochran, Larry Trempel

Sponsor: Miss Mildred Schulze.

It is the sincere wish of the staff and entire class, that you will enjoy this record of their last year an Maroa High School.



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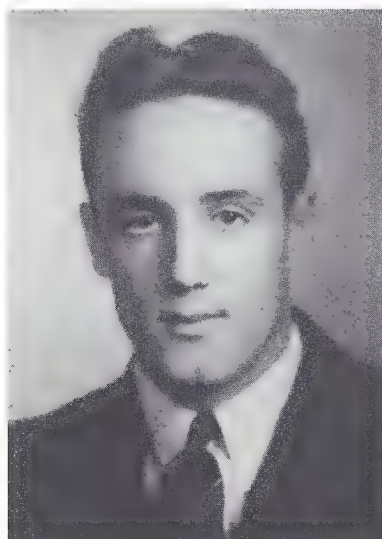
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FACULTY

(Reading from left to right)

Bottom Row: Mrs. Keyes, Miss Schmidt, Mrs. Brandt, Miss
Bottenfield, Mrs. Turner.
Top Row: Mr. Nicol, Miss Schulze, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Keyes
Mrs. Dewhirst.



MR. BRANDT

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FACULTY

Mr. W.D. Keyes--Principal, History, Radio
 Illinois Wesleyan University--V.A.
 University of Illinois--M.A.
 University of Colorado.

Miss Lois Bottenfield--Latin, English.
 University of Illinois--B.A.--M.A.

Mr. M.J. Nicol--Agriculture
 Illinois State Normal University--B.Ed.
 Iowa State College--M.S.
 State University of Iowa.
 University of Illinois.

Mrs. R.E. Turner--English.
 Southern Illinois State Teachers College--B.Ed.

Miss Mildred Schulze--Mathematics.
 Illinois State Normal University--B.Ed.

Mrs. D.M. Dewhirst--Orchestra
 Millikin University--Bachelor of Music

Miss Ruth Schmidt--Home Economics
 Bradley College--B.S.

Mr. Glen Fisher--Science.
 Illinois State Normal University
 University of Illinois--B.A. (Physics)

Mr. Leroy Brandt--Commerce and Physical Education.
 Illinois State Normal University--B.Ed.

Mrs. Leroy Brandt--Commerce
 Illinois State Normal University.

Mrs. W.D. Keyes--History
 Illinois Wesleyan University--A.B.
 University of Colorado.
 University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Sam Braden--Music Teacher (No picture)

Note: When Mr. Brandt left for the Navy in November,
 his commercial classes were taken by Mrs. Brandt, Mr.
 Nicol became the boys' physical education director and
 Mr. Fisher took over the duties of coach.

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MAINTENANCE

The maintenance "staff" at M.C.H.S. consists of one man-- Nelson Smith. Like a one-man band, he is an organization. Janitor, yard-man, electrician, engineer, carpenter, supply clerk --- he is all of these.

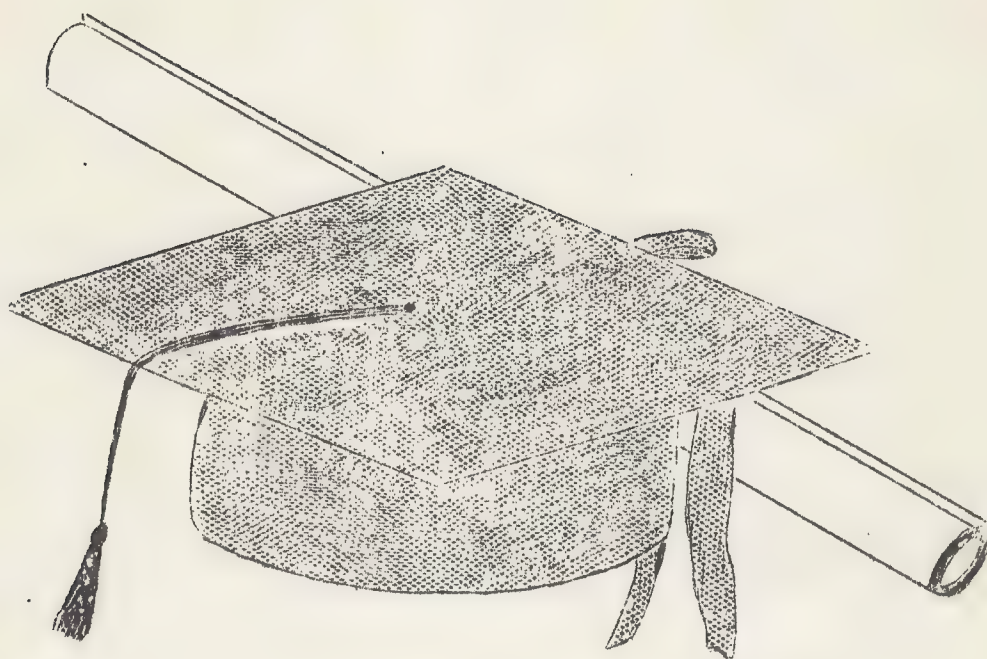
Did you break a shade cord? -- Call "Red". Is your room too hot? -- Call "Red". Do you need an extra table in your room? -- "Red" will build it. Is there going to be a night activity at school? -- "Red" will keep the heat going. Do you want an electric score board? -- "Red" can design one. Don't bother to call in an electrician. "Red" can install the public address system. He'll construct the speakers too.

Oh! He may bark at times when you make a request, but we all know that that's just a bluff to keep people from imposing on him --- as all capable people are imposed upon. We also know that a request, once made, is as good as accomplished.

If you really want to make a hit, just ask him about Gertrude, his pet cat. He calls her "Smokey" because she is a lovely gray-blue color.

Mr. Smith completed his fourteenth year at M.C.H.S. this year. We can't imagine the school without him.





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Helen Marie Albert
"Burly"



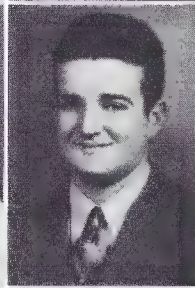
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"Lee"



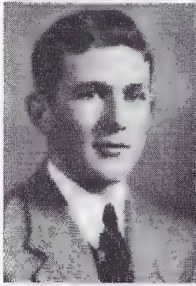
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"Ruthie"



Jack Cochran
"Judge"



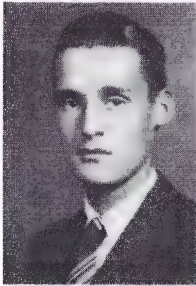
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"Dagger"



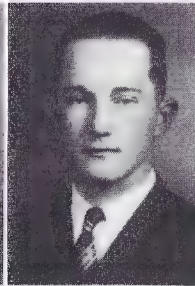
Dale Davis
"Frank"



Marion Day
"Daisie"



George Dial
"Doc"



Bonnie Faber
"Bonnie"



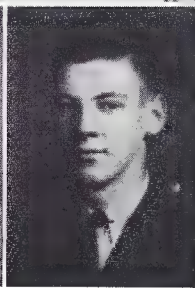
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"Shortie"



Shirley Glosser
"Sugar"

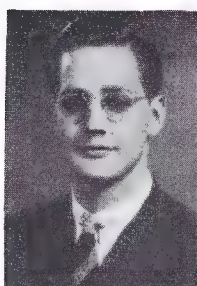


Harold Greene
"Shoes"



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Richard Griffith
"Dick"



Laura Ellen Hill
"Bottle"



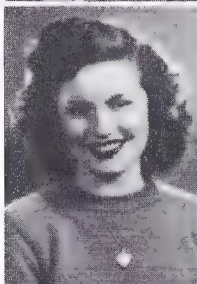
Billye Anne Hoffman
"Ma"



June Hughes
"Red"



Joyce Jordan
"Rusty"



Samuel Jump
"Buddy"



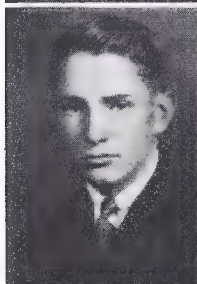
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"Bones"



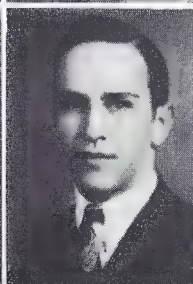
Ruth Larrick
"Cherry"



James Leach
"Thunder"



Glenn Marlow
"Sprint"



Joan Marsh
"Joanie"



Dorothy Mashburn
"Dort"



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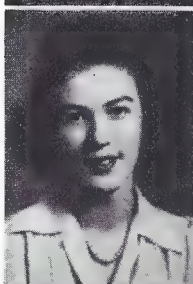
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"Spider"



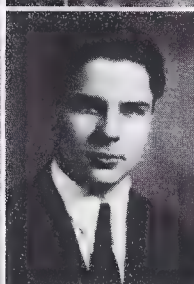
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"Pat"



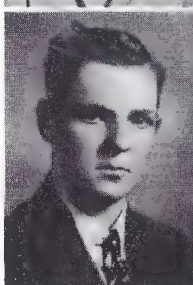
Helen Marie Penn
"Penny"



Oliver Pennypacker
"Bud"



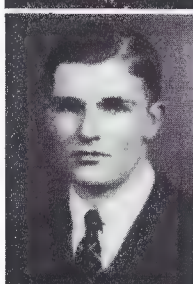
William Reiter
"Bill"



Carl Riley
"Cocky"



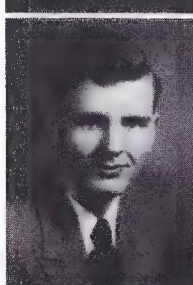
Chester Riley, Jr.
"Simp"



Roberta Rogers
"Peanuts"



Joseph Saville
"Juicy"



Naomi Scott
"Scotty"



Donald Shuey
"Butch"

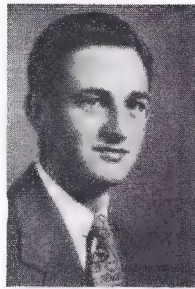


Elsie Simpson
"Pete"

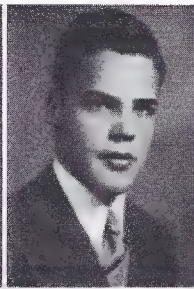


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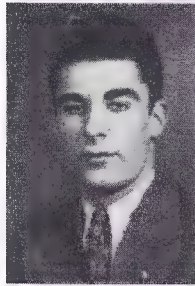
John Spooner
"Jackson"



Larry Trempel
"Prince"



Donald Vaughan
"Joe"



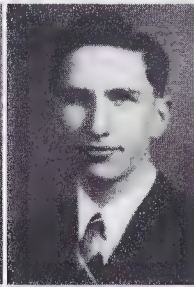
Verna Vaughan
"Frog"



William Vaughan
"Bid"



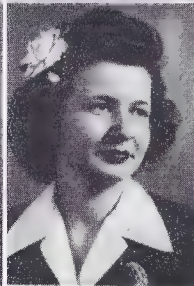
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"Normie"



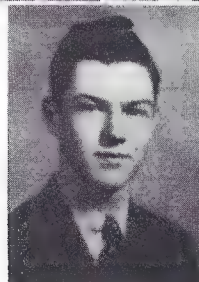
Russell Wentworth
"Pee Wee"



Mary Ellen Wikoff
"Fatso"



Virgil Wikoff



"Colonel"

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WHAT WE THINK OF THEM

- Helon Marie Albert ----- "A true leading lady in everything she does."
- Shirley Bolen ----- "Good to look at and nice to be around."
- Ruth Bricker ----- "Studious, likeable, and a good citizen."
- Louise Banning ----- "Wish we could have known her better."
- Jack Cochran ----- "More laughs and personality than Costello."
- Bob Daggett ----- "Keep him from being bashful and you've got something there, sister."
- Dale Davis ----- "Easy to like and never gets mad."
- Marion Day ----- "Quiet, but once you get to know him, that boy is really all right."
- George Dial -- "Nice guy and a "A" card; what more do you want?"
- Bonnie Faber ----- "A true friend at all times."
- Irene Fort -- "Timid? Well, maybe not if you knew her better."
- Shirley Glosser ----- "Good-natured and sure to be a success."
- Harold Greene --- "Don't hurry him and treat him right; you'll never be sorry."
- Richard Griffith ----- "A good dancer and a true gentleman."
- Laura Ellen Hill ----- "Full of vim, vigor, and vitality."
- Billye Ann Hoffman -- "If she goes at everything like she does sports, there is no doubt of her success."
- June Hughe, -- "With hair like that and a personality uncommon to most redheads, how can she fail?"
- Joyce Jordan ---- "One year is so short a time to have a swell girl like that around."
- Buddy Jump --- "Silent? Well maybe, but those who know him enjoy him."
- Carol Jean Kirby -- "If all people were as honest as she, there would be no doubting in the world."
- Ruth Larrick --- "Boys, wouldn't it be nice to hear music like that all the time?"
- James Leach --- "Tease is his middle name."

Dale Matheny ----- "Always willing to help a friend."

Louise Patterson ----- "Never a dull moment, yet always a true lady."

Oliver Pennypacker ----- "Never sad -- always glad."

William Reiter --- "Energetic? You said it, kid, and with that quality, he'll be a success."

Chester Riley, Jr. ----- "Studious and determined to do what he undertakes."

Carl Hiley --- "He has the makings of being the best farmer in the business."

Roberta Rogers ----- "Never around when you don't want her and always around when you do."

Joe Saville ----- "Happy go lucky; never a worry in the world."

Naomi Scott ----- "Argenta's loss; our gain!"

John Spooner ----- "As good a leader isn't often found."

Donald Shuey ----- "Quiet, but is that boy ever quick on the trigger."

Elsie Simpson ----- "She makes the best of everything, dark or bright."

Larry Trempel -- "There's a boy with mischief sticking out all over him."

Verna Vaughan -- "You can always have a good time with Verna."

Donald Vaughan ----- "Sports, that's his line. All kinds of sports!"

William Vaughan ----- "Girls seem to be his line, but I suspect high ideals and the ability to attain them."

Norman Weikle ----- "A true friend is one who sticks by you through thick and thin. That's Norman."

Russell Wentworth ----- "The stick-to-it-iveness which he possesses will always be his most valuable asset."

Virgil Wikoff ----- "Now there's the romantic type for you to dream about, girls."

Mary Ellen Wikoff -- "Drummer girl--and she can keep time with her companions as well as the orchestra."

Glenn Marlow ----- "So quiet and yet so mischievous."

(See page three of Senior Activities for Joan Marsh and Dorothy Mashburn, omitted from this page by error.)

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WHAT THEY DID

The following pages list the activities in which the seniors took part during their high school days, and the years during which they participated.

Helen M. Albert: Hi-Tri 1,2,3, sec'y 4; F.H.A. 1,2, sec'y 3,4; Cheer leader 2; One-act play 1,2; Junior play; Senior Play; G.A.A. 1; Glee Club 1,2,3; Blue and Gold 1,2,3, co-editor 4; Librarian 2,3; Class Treas. 2; Pep committee; Junior Red Cross 4.

Shirley Bolen: Hi-Tri 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3; Blue and Gold 4; Librarian 2,3; First Aid 3; Senior Play; Red Cross 4.

Ruth Bricker: Hi-Tri 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. 1; Glee Club 1,2,3; Blue and Gold 3,4; Play Committee 3,4.

Louise Banning: Louise was only with us one semester.

Jack Cochran: Hi-Y 1,2; Basketball mgr. 2,3,4; Basketball 4; Class sec'y 3; Blue and Gold 3; V-Corps 3,4; Rifle Club 3,4.

Bob Daggett: Hi-Y 1,2,3; F.F.A. 1,2,3, sec'y-treas. 4; Class pres. 1; Banquet comm. 3; Camera Club 2,3; Blue and Gold 1,2,3; V-Corps 3,4; Rifle Club 3,4.

Dale Davis: F.F.A. 1,2,3; Hi-Y 1,2; Radio Club sec'y 1; pres. 2; Boy's Club 4; V-Corps 3,4; Football 2,3,4.

Marion Day: F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Hi-Y 1; V-Corps 3,4; Boy's Club 4.

George Dial: Football 1; Track 1; Student Council 1; F.F.A. 1, sec'y-treas. 2, vice-pres. 3, pres. 4; Hi-Y 1,2,3, vice-pres. 4; Outstanding member and a showman of champions in F.F.A.; V-Corps 3,4; Rifle Club 3,4.

Bonnie Faber: Hi-Tri 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 3,4; Blue and Gold 2,3,4; Junior and Senior Play committees.

Irene Fort: Hi-Tri 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; First Aid 3; Red Cross 4.

Shirley Glosser: Hi-Tri 2,3,4; Home Ec. 3; First Aid 3; Red Cross 4.

Harold Greene: Hi-Y 1,2; F.F.A. 1,2; Track 1,2; Pep Committee 4; Rifle Club 3,4; V-Corps 3,4.

Richard Griffith: Hi-Y 1; Blue and Gold 1,2,3,4; Camera Club 1,2; Class historian 1,4; Banquet comm. 3; V-Corps 3,4.

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Laura E. Hill: Hi-Tri 1,2,3, vice-pres. 4; F.H.A. 1,2, treas. 3, program chr. 4; G.A.A. 1; Glee Club 1,2,3; Librarian 2,3, 4; Class vice-pres. 1; Pep Committee 2,4; Student Council 3; Class play 2,3,4; Blue and Gold 1,2,3,4; Red Cross 4.

Billye Hoffman: Hi-Tri 1,2,3, treas. 4; F.H.A. sec'y 1, pres. 2, member 3,4; G.A.A. 1,2; Glee Club 1,2; Student Council pres. 4, sec'y 3; Pep Comm. 1,2, sec'y 1; Librarian 3.

June Hughes: Hi-Tri 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3, vice-pres. 4; Class sec'y 4; Orch. 2; Glee Club 1,2.

Joyce Jordan: Hi-Tri 4; Home Ec. 4; Red Cross 4.

Carol Kirby: Hi-Tri 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 2,3; Librarian 3; One Act Play 3; Class Play 4.

Buddy Jump: Hi-Y 1,2; V-Corps 3,4; Radio Club 3.

Ruth Larrick: Hi-Tri 2,3,4; F.H.A. 2,3,4; Orchestra 2,3,4; Blue and Gold 4; Glee Club 3; Red Cross 4.

Jim Leach: Hi-Y 1,2; Orchestra 1,2,3,4; V-Corps 3,4; Basketball 4; Radio Club 1,2,3; Camera Club 1,2,3; Rifle Club 3,4.

Glenn Marlow: Hi-Y 1,2, sec'y 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3, vice-pres. 4; V-Corps 3,4; Football 2,3; Radio 3,4; Basketball 4; Track 1, 2,4; Senior Play; Class sec'y 3.

Joan Marsh: Hi-Tri 3, pres. 4; F.H.A. 3, treas. 4; Jr. Play; Sr. Play; Orchestra 3, pres. 4; Glee Club 3; Librarian 4; Red Cross 4; Blue and Gold 4; Annual Staff 4.

Dorothy Mashburn: Hi-Tri 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1, 2,3; G.A.A. 1.

Dale Matheny: Hi-Y 1,2; F.F.A. 2,3; Radio Club 2; Boy's Club 4; V-Corps 3,4.

Louise Patterson: Orchestra 2,3,4; Hi-Tri 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2, 3,4; Glee Club 2,3; G.A.A. 1.

Helen M. Penn: Hi-Tri 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3; Pep Comm. 1; Glee Club 2,3; Blue and Gold 3, co-editor 4; Annual Staff 4; Librarian 2,3; Class Treas. 4.

Oliver Pennypacker: Hi-Y 1,2; Radio 2,3; V-Corps 2,3.

Bill Reiter: Hi-Y 1; V-Corps 2,3; Radio 2,3.

Jr. Riley: Hi-Y 1,2; Jr. Play; Sr. Play; V-Corp 3,4; Rifle Club 3,4; Football 3; Basketball 4; Blue and Gold 3,4; Annual co-editor.

Carl Riley: Class Play 2,3; Track 1; Blue and Gold 2,3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; V-Corps 3,4; Radio 2,4; Rifle Club 3,4.

Roberta Rogers: Hi-Tri 1,2,3,4; Home Ec. 2,3,4; Blue and Gold 4; Librarian 2,3; Student Council 1; Pep Comm. 2; G.A.A. 1.

Joe Saville: Hi-Y 1,2; V-Corps 3,4; Camera Club 1,2; Radio 1,2.

Naomi Scott: Red Cross 4; F.H.A. 4; Hi-Tri 4.

Donald Shuey: V-Corps 2,3,4; Hi-Y 1,2; F.F.A. 2,3,4; Boy's Club 4; Student Council 3.

Elsie Simpson: Hi-Tri 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 2; Librarian 4.

John Spooner: Hi-Y 1,2,3; Student Council 1; Blue and Gold 2,3; Track 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3; V-Corps 3,4; Rifle Club 3,4, sec'y; Banquet Comm. 3; Soph. Play 2; Annual Co-editor.

Larry Trempe: Hi-Y 2; Junior Play; Senior Play; Orchestra 2,3; Blue and Gold 4; V-Corps 3,4; Rifle Club 3,4.

Donald Vaughan: Football 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Hi-Y 1,2,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Junior Play; V-Corps 3,4; Pep Comm. 1,2,3; Rifle Club 3,4.

Verna Vaughan: Hi-Tri 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 2,2; G.A.A. 1.

William Vaughn: Hi-Y 1,2; Track 1,2,4; Football 3; Basketball 2,3,4; Student Council treas. 4; V-Corps 3,4; Rifle Club 3,4.

Norman Weikle: Hi-Y 1,2; V-Corps 3,4; Basketball 4; Track 4; Rifle Club 3,4.

Russell Wentworth: Hi-Y 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 3; Track 1,2,3,4; Blue and Gold 3,4; Radio Class 2,4; Camera Club 3; V-Corps 3,4; Annual Staff.

Virgil Wikoff: Hi-Y 1,2,3; Football 3; Basketball 1; Track 1,3,4; Athletic mgr. 2; One Act Play 1,2; Jr. Play; Sr. Play; F.F.A. 1,2; Camera Club 1,2; Radio Club 3; Blue and Gold 2,3,4; Annual Staff 4; Rifle Club 3,4.

Mary E. Wikoff: F.H.A. 1,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3; Hi-Tri 1,2,3,4; Orchestra 1,2,3,4.

WHAT WE THINK OF THEM (continued)

Joan Marsh ----- "A ready smile and pleasant to be around."

Dorothy Mashburn -- "As good in everything as she is in sports, she's swell."

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CLASS WILL

We, the Class of 1944, of Maroa Community High School, of the Township of Maroa, Macon County, State of Illinois, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, declare, and publish this to be our last Will and Testament.

- I, Helen Marie Albert, will my moustache to Betty Smart.
- I, Shirley Bolen, will my long fingernails to Phyllis Marshall.
- I, Ruth Elizabeth Bricker, will my studiousness to Mary Tozer.
- I, Jack Cochran, will all my girl friends at M.C.H.S. to Junior Fenton.
- I, Robert Daggett, will my ability to get Argenta girlfriends to Roger Simms.
- I, Dale Davis, will my luck for always being busy when a teacher tooks to Robert Patterson.
- I, Marion Day, will my long, straight, neatly combed, black hair to Carol Fenton.
- I, George J. Dial, will my success at feeding and showing livestock for grand championship to Charles Stoutenborough.
- I, Bonnie Faber, will my steadfast characteristics to Gwenivore Hartsock so they will remain in the Senior Class.
- I, Irene Fort, will my short stature to Frances Reichmann.
- I, Shirley Anne Glosser, will my love for Calvin to Nadene Rose.
- I, Harold Greene, will my long legs to John Markel so can get around faster.
- I, Richard Alan Griffith, will my ability to jitterbug to Jimmy Montgomery.
- I, Laura Ellen Hill, will my good-nature to Audrey Beasley.
- I, Billye Anne Hoffman, will my ability to get a diamond to Margaret Gregory.
- I, June Hughes, will my red hair to Charlene Flannigan.

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- I, Joyce Jordan, will my Greenswitch boy friends to Betty Lindsley.
- I, Samuel B. Jump, will my blonde hair to Maurice Gordy.
- I, Carol Jean Kirby, will my devotion to Frankie Sinatra to Barbara Snedeker.
- I, Ruth E. Larrick, will my ability as a pianist to Doris Query.
- I, James W. Leach, will my mischievousness to my brother John.
- I, Herbert Glenn Marlow, will my unargumentativeness to Danny Birt.
- I, Carol Joan Marsh, will my ability to "love 'em and leave 'em" to my sister.
- I, Dorothy Mashburn, will my ability to play volley-ball and basketball to Anna Mae Dunham.
- I, Dale Eugene Matheny, will my nickname "Spider" to my brother Clayton.
- I, Louise Patterson, will my fiddle playing to Harriett Carder.
- I, Helen Marie Penn, will my typing speed and my ability to make a lot of errors to Betty Pope.
- I, Oliver Perry Pennypacker, will my Clinton girl friends to Bob Barnett.
- I, William E. Reiter, will my chauffeuring job to any fellow lucky enough to have gas and a car.
- I, Carl E. Riley, will my imagination to Halden Birt so he can cook up some new inventions.
- I, Chester Douglas Riley Jr., will my genius to my brother, Richard.
- I, Roberta Louise Rogers, will my quietness to Betty Hughes.
- I, Joseph A. Saville, will my hitch-hiking ability to John Gray.
- I, Naomi Gale Scott, will my recipe for blood pudding to Doris Massey so she will never have anemia.

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- I, Donald Shuey, will my slow drawl to Eugene Henderson.
- I, Elsie Simpson, will my tall stature to Viola Wentworth.
- I, John Spooner, will my ability to get into the Navy to John Perry.
- I, Larry Trempel, Jr., will my flashy smile to Charles Parlier so he can be a girl charmer as I was.
- I, Donald "Joe" Vaughan, will my athletic ability to my brother so that he can carry on where I left off.
- I, Vernd Mae Vaughan, will my nickname "Frog" to "Possum" Rose.
- I, William Vaughan, will my ability to get into and out of trouble to Benny Myers.
- I, Norman Wickle, will my love for bookkeeping and the teacher to Bill Hayes.
- I, Russell E. Wentworth, will my strong arm for turning the mimeograph machine to Howard Pulliam.
- I, Mary Ellen Wikoff, will my drumming ability to Betty Smart so there will always be a good drummer in the orchestra.
- I, Virgil C. Wikoff, will my rating of Colonel to Dick Glosser.

To this, our last Will and Testament, we hereunto subscribe our name,



Class of '44
Signature

Signed and sealed this 21st
day of April, nineteen
hundred and forty-four.

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CLASS POEM

We came here talking for Maroa High,
Our school days too soon passed by.
When we think of departing we almost cry.

Our freshman year, how green we were!
As sophomores we were dumb,
As juniors we were smarter;
And as seniors we really had fun.

We've had good times with teachers too,
We hate to leave; it makes us blue,
But we'll come back to visit you.

So now we leave to go our way
We'll do our best in all we try
We hope to see you again some day----Maroa High!

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CLASS HISTORY

In the year 1940, the largest freshman class ever assembled in Maroa Community High School, started its last lap of education. The class was so large that it had to be divided into two groups with Miss Schulze and Mr. Nicol as class sponsors. Other teachers were Miss Beutke, Miss Bottenfield, Miss Stadtman, Miss Sutton, Mr. England, Mr. Swan, and Mr. Keyes.

Our first class meeting was held on Monday, September 16. Its purpose was to elect the class officers. The following officers were elected. President, Robert Daggett; Vice-president, Laura Ellen Hill; Secretary - Treasurer, Virgil Wikoff.

Pep Committee members were Helen Marie Albert, Billye Ann Hoffman, Helen Marie Ponn, and John Osborn. We were represented on the Student Council by Shirley Bolen, Elwood Crutcher, John Spooner, and Roberta Rogers.

There were 69 pupils at the beginning of the year and 67 at the close of the year. During the course of the year, six students withdrew. They were Clara Ball, Victor Elliot, Elizabeth Evans, Lucille Lontz, Joan Mcils, and Janice Merritt.

New students to enter were Marguerite Holmick, Elsie Simpson, James Adcock, and Ray Redding. Mr. Swan, our science teacher left us and his place was taken by Mr. Lloyd.

In September, 1941, we started on our second year in high school. This year the class officers were Bill Hambrecht, president; Bill Montgomery, vice-president; and Helen Marie Albert, secretary and treasurer. Student Council members were Billye Anne Hoffman, George Dial, Bob Wentworth, and Louise Patterson. The Pep Committee members were Roberta Rogers, Laura Ellen Hill, Helen Albert, and Joe Vaughan.

At the beginning of the year we had 66 members in the class and 63 members at the end of the year. The students that entered our class were Laurelon Fornwalt, and Hilda Crown. Mr. Lloyd, our science teacher, left Maroa High School and Mr. Holley took his place.

In 1942, our Junior year, we elected the following officers: Bill Hambrecht, president; Bill Montgomery, vice-president; Jack Cochran, secretary; and Glen Marlow, treasurer.

We were represented on the Student Council by Donald Shucy and Laura Ellen Hill. The members of the Pep Committee were Donald Vaughan and Louise Patterson.

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This year we presented the play, "Our Girls". In the cast were: Junior Riley, Laura Ellen Hill, Helen Marie Albert, Virgil Wikoff, Larry Trempe, Carl Riley, Robert Daggett, Verna Vaughan, Joan Marsh, Donald Vaughan, and Marquerite Helmick. The director was Mrs. Ira Barnes.

The night of the play all previous record of attendance were broken by the all-out attendance of 441 people. One of the high lights of the evening's entertainment occurred when Larry Trempe, Carl Riley, and Virgil Wikoff came out on the stage dressed as girls. They played their roles with much zest and reality. The only clue to their identity was their unladylike movements.

During the course of the year several students left our class. They were: Laurence Fornwalt, Marquerite Helmick, Jerry Miller, and Jack Patterson. Arthur and Harry Winemiller joined us however.

Miss Boutke, now Mrs. Carpenter, left our school in mid-year and Miss Gouwers took over as teacher of Home Economics. We really had quite a change in English teachers during the year. Miss Sutter left us and Mrs. Barnes, formerly Vivian Bell, who had taught here before, took her classes until Mrs. Turner was hired to finish the year.

In the Spring, the Junior Class gave a banquet for the Seniors. It was held in the Mirror Room at the Orlando Hotel. The banquet centered around the Pan-American theme, and then after dinner entertainment followed up the theme. Russell Wentworth, John Spooner, and Don Shucy "serenaded their ladies" and an entertainer presented the rhumba in costume. Everyone had a fine time in spite of the fact that a cloud burst early in the evening threatened to keep us at home.

Sobered by the war, we started our last year in Maroa High School. Our class officers were: John Spooner, president; George Dial, vice-president; June Hughes, secretary; and Helen Penn, treasurer. We sent Bill Vaughn and Billye Anne Hoffman to the Student Council and they were later replaced by Naomi Scott and Glenn Marlow. Harold Greene and Laura Ellen Hill represented our class on the Pep Committee.

In December of 1943, we presented the play, "Professor, How Could You!". The members of the cast were: Virgil Wikoff, Helen Marie Albert, Carol Kirby, Carl Riley, Larry Trempe, Shirley Bolen, Laura Ellen Hill, Junior Riley, Joan Marsh, and Glenn Marlow. The play was capably directed by Mrs. Turner.

The play was full of amusing situations. One of these

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was created when Laura Ellen had to be carried from the stage with a cocoanut cream pie on her stomach. We also laughed at Virgil's feeble protests at having pie stuffed down his throat by Junior Riley. Larry Trempel did it again only more so. Again he took the part of a girl only this time it was as the sleek, chic, estranged wife of the professor. To top it all off, he did a strip-tease act. Or so we thought until he got down to his masculine attire.

When the seniors skipped school (legitimately of course) on February 25, it started out to be a very drippy day, but the rain couldn't dampen our spirits. We had lunch together, and included a movie and some skating in our day's activities. While we were skating, some of us decided that the floor was too dusty, so we helped to polish it by falling down once in awhile.

Naturally, as in all schools, our class gave up some of its members to the armed forces. With pride we mention the names of Bill Hambrecht, John Osborn, Robert Camp, Paul Caldwell, Bob Wentworth, Paul Finch, John Spooner, Elwood Crutcher and Bill Montgomery. Those of our boys who enlisted in the Navy V-5 program were; John Spooner, Jack Cochran, and Harold Greene.

We sent Helen Marie Albert's name to the D.A.R. as that senior girl whom we considered the best school citizen.

This year several new teachers entered our midst. Miss Schmidt in the Home economics department and Mr. and Mrs. Brandt in commercial work. Mr. Brandt was called by the navy in November.

This, our class history, may be a little dull in spots, by I'm sure everyone will remember with pleasant thoughts his life as a member of the class of '44.

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CLASS PROPHECY

Headlines: "Reunion of Senior Class of '44." Reporter Jim Leach was certainly on his toes when he got every event of that day. The meeting of all the old pals and classmates took place at MacArthur Park where Tokyo used to stand. Owners of the Park, Mr. Bill Vaughan and wife, the former Joan Marsh, were proud to welcome the Maroa graduates.

Let's see what Jim's article has to say: "What's that? Buzzing of airplanes? We have no fear of its being an enemy now! It's the Flying Aces from the Army Air Base near by,-- Captain Glenn Harlow and his crews. There's Norman Weikle, Buddy Jump, and Virgil Wikoff. Their formation comes nearer now and we see pilot Larry Trempel doing his stunts -- still the old cut-up! With him are Oliver Pennypacker and Russell Wentworth. Of course the nose dives won't make them sick, but air stewardesses Helen Marie Albert, Shirley Glosser and Dorothy Mashburn are along just in case. These old friends are still side by side and enjoying every minute of it.

John Spooner and Junior Riley also fly and have made themselves great names in the Navy. Speaking of Navy, the fleet's in! At least it sounds that way when you get Jack Cochran and his old side-kick Harold Greene together. They say their buddies were left swabbing the deck but will be over soon. Who are these unlucky sailors left on board? None other than Bill Reiter, Dale Matheny and Donald Shucy. The Navy has done much for these boys and vice-versa!

Chatter, chatter! No, it's not squirrels, it's the Red Cross Girls coming. Their faces look familiar. Let's see, there's Mrs. Roberta Rogers Miller, Mrs. Billye Hoffman Fought, and Mrs. Joyce Jordan McQuire. With this group are Irene Fort, Elsie Simpson and Ruth Bricker talking to their instructor, Shirley Bolen. Keep those knitting needles going as fast as your tongues, girls, you're doing fine.

Now that most of the old classmates are here we have a little entertainment. Listen to that music! We all recognize it. It's the old favorite of Ruth Larrick. Ruth, altho' happily married, manages to leave Johnnie on Wednesday evenings to play in Mary Ellen Wikoff's swing band. Her drums have made a great name for Mary Ellen.

The music is lower now, and the master of ceremonies is introducing some star. We're happy to see tap-dancer Richard Griffith,---still on his toes and pretty good too.

As the next feature, Joe Vaughan gives a short talk on the baseball game to be played next week. Of course we ap-

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preciate your great skill as pitcher, Joe. We're all on your side.

This entertainment is highly appreciated, especially by the farmers. They're all in one corner talking over scientific farming. There's George Dial and Marion Day, and as you would expect, those old buddies Carl Riley and Bob Daggett.

June Hughes, now Mrs. Albert Heim, and riveter Louise Patterson seem to be enjoying themselves talking to Laura Ellen Hill and Naomi Scott about their experiences as nurses at the International Research Hospital.

As usual, most classes have a teacher. We have two in our group. Dominic Haber and Helen Marie Penn are teachers near here. They report that they are enjoying their work of teaching Japanese children how to live under a democracy.

Of course, someone is always late. You've guessed it--- Joe Saville!--- And of all things, a brief case under his arm. Joe turned to studying after all these years and is now the ace salesman of the Fuller Brush Company. In fact, he tells the other salesmen how to do it.

Well, so long, folks. This is Jim Leach signing off. I think I'd better join the party now that everyone is here."





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FRESHMEN CLASS

President-----Maurice Gordy
 Vice President-----Mary Jo Keneipp
 Secretary-----Helen Mashburn
 Treasurer-----Barbara Snedeker

Student Council representatives for the freshmen were John Leach and Louise Allen. Louise Allen was replaced second semester by Barbara Snedeker. The Pep Committee members were Cora Pennypacker and Dick Pinney. Harold Eagler succeeded Dick Pinney.

At the beginning of the year Miss Schmitt was advisor but this responsibility was immediately turned to Mrs. Turner. This has proven satisfactory to all concerned.

We are all looking forward to the glorious day when we no longer will be referred to as "green freshmen."

SOPHOMORE CLASS

President-----Gene Rohrschib
 Vice President-----Joan Montgomery
 Secretary-----Virginia Trempel
 Treasurer-----Robert Rose

Student Council members were Dean Vaughan, Betty Jean Lindsley, Wanda Rodgers, and Harland Hambrecht. Pep Committee consisted of Eileen Marquis, Howard Pulliam, Jack Hockaday, and Donald Tozer.

Since we had sixty students in our class, we were separated into two groups. With Miss Bottenfield and Mr. Fisher as our advisors. During the year Elmer Varvil joined the Navy.

We are looking forward to our junior year when we can call ourselves upperclassmen. Then we will have the opportunity to share in more activities and can prove that the training we received in our freshmen and sophomore years has not been in vain.

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WHO THEY ARE

(Reading from left to right in the following class pictures:)

FRESHMAN CLASS

First Row: Helen Mashburn, Roberta Brownlow, Barbara Bunner, Clayton Matheny, Mrs. Turner, Robert Patterson, Leroy Thomas, Maurice Gordy, Robert Brownlow, Junior Buchanan.

Second Row: Eugene Jacobs, Richard Riley, Harold Dunham, Dick Pinney, John Leach, Milford Greutman, Preston Streight, Jack Hughes, Jean Wakefield.

Third Row: Louise Allen, Shirley Day, Barbara Snedeker, Mary Jo Keniepp, Lucille Gardner, Etta Meyers, Cora Pennypacker, Doris Massey.

Top Row: Harold Eagler, Bill Kaltenbach, John Gray, Warren Wise, Herschel Cox, Charles Stoutenborough, Rex Souders, Benny Mee.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

First Row: Len Shaw, Eugene Wilson, Nora Butler, Robert Lanter, Betty Jean Lindsley, Miss Bottenfield, Mr. Fisher, Darrell Schultz, Norma Norris, Jerome Sinclair, Betty Hughes, Bill Morris, Helen Moore, Dick Glosser.

Second Row: Mary Tozer, Emily Widick, Elizabeth Randall, Donald Oakes, Jack Hoffman, Paul Snedeker, Eileen Marquis, Dorothy Riley, Jack Hambrecht, Norma Easley, Evelyn Marsh, Virginia Davis.

Third Row: Shirley Weikle, Norma Jean Hockaday, Wanda Biven, Viola Wentworth, Doris Neibuhr, Joan Wilkey, Doris Query, Wanda Rodgers, Virginia Trompel, Mary Lou Bates, Georgia Flannigan, Anna Mae Dunham, Harriet Carder.

Top Row: Don Tozer, Harland Hambrecht, Jack Hockaday, Carol Fenton, Howard Pulliam, Eugene Henderson, Gene Rohrscheib, Hallden Birt, John Perry, Donald Perkins, Bob Malone, Robert Rose.

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JUNIOR CLASS



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WHO THEY ARE

(Reading from left to right in the preceding class picture:)

JUNIOR CLASS

First Row: Robert Barnett, Betty Smart, Robert Tombaugh, Danny Birt, Miss Schmidt, Bob Dunham, Bennie Myers, Frances Reichmann, Willa Mae Comar.

Second Row: Freda Thomas, Jimmy Montgomery, Jaunita Harris, Harry Dale Barnett, Kathryn Goff, Junior Fention, Norma Joan Stuard, Bill Hayes, Pauline Straight.

Third Row: Rosalie Johnson, Ruth Scribner, Alice Gardner, Margaret Grogory, Nadene Rose, Dick Tozer, Betty Gillen, Roger Simas, Gwen Hartsock.

Top Row: Betty Ann Pope, Evelyn Greutman, Beverly Oakes, Della Tozar, Phyllis Marlatt, Charlene Flannigan.

STUDENT COUNCIL

President-----Gwen Hartsock
Vice-president-----Freda Thomas
Secretary-----Harland Hambrecht
Treasurer-----Wanda Rodgers
Advisor-----Miss Schmidt

Each class is represented on the Student Council by two members. The sophomore class, because it is large is represented by four members, two from each home room.

The council, which met every Monday, sponsored activities for the benefit of the whole school. Under their plan, an all-school movie was given every second week. The Christmas party which they sponsored was enjoyed by everyone, and the Homecoming party sponsored in conjunction with the Pep Committee was very successful.

The council acts as a student governing board, and its most recent activity is the sponsoring of a school clean-up program.

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JUNIOR CLASS

President-----Roger Simms
Vice-President-----Ben Myers
Secretary-----Robert Tombaugh
Treasurer-----Dick Tozer

Student Council: Freda Thomas and Gwen Hartsock. Pep Committee: Dan Birt and Bill Hays. The class sponsor was Miss Ruth Schmidt.

The magazine subscription drive was quite a success with The Army defeating the Navy by a very few subscriptions. Freda Thomas was Captain of the Navy and Danny Birt Captain of the Army. Willa Mae Comer and Betty Pope were leading salesmen. As we passed our goal, the Curtis Company served ice cream and cake for the class.

We are also proud that one of our class, Charlene Flannigan, was chosen homcoming queen and that Bennie Myers was Captain and crowned her.

The Junior Class Play, "My Heart's In High", was a comedy about four young high school students caught in the whirl and excitement of commencement.

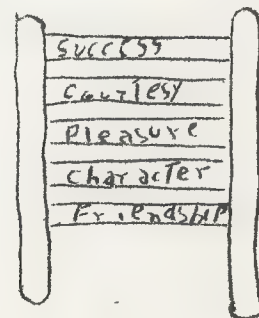
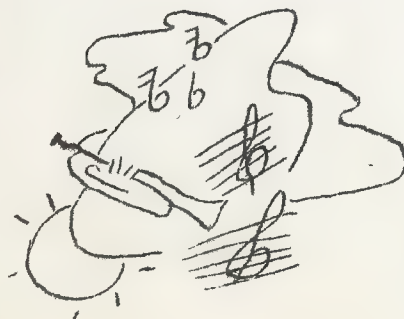
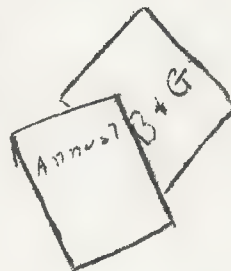
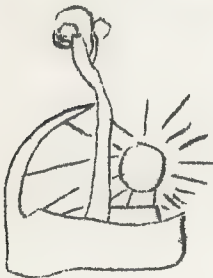
The Junior-Senior banquet was held April 14 at the Decatur Club. Leo Homebrook's Orchestra played for the dancing.



STUDENT COUNCIL



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THE VICTORY CORPS

The ranks of the Victory Corps started out with a drop in personell. Several who were in the ranks last year did not come back. To offset this, many freshmen enlisted to swell the group. Even though some boys were not interested in the Victory Corps at first, within a few weeks everybody had gotten into step and settled down to enjoying it, and all have cooperated well since then.

The Victory Corps has received many compliments from the boys who have gone into the service. Bill Hambrecht, one of our fellow-seniors, who is now fighting with Uncle Sam's Marines, wrote back and told Mr. Koyes that it had surely helped him. Bill Montgomery, U.S. Navy, told us personally that he received many free hours while newcomers were learning the manual of arms and facings which he had mastered at M.C.H.S.

The majority of the officers this year are seniors. Carl Riley is the Top Sergeant, and Larry Trompol, Norman Weikle, and John Spooner are platoon leaders, with the rank of Second Lieutenants. Virgil Wikoff, who is the company commander, holds the rank of Captain. Glenn Marlow, Dale Mathony, and Donald Shuey are Buck Sergeants (right guides). The left guides have the rank of Staff Sergeant. These boys are: Jr. Riley, Joe Vaughan, and Russell Wentworth. We were sorry but proud to lose John Spooner early in the spring to the Navy Air Corps. Good luck, John!

The seniors have been having company drill and target practice. Many who have been shooting on the rifle range have qualified for medals.

The Victory Corps at M.C.H.S. is now two years old. Many of us will be in the armed forces before it celebrates it's third birthday, but we hope it will continue to serve its good purpose as long as world conditions make it necessary.

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RED CROSS

We must pay tribute to Miss Schulze and Miss Schmidt for the wonderful work they are doing in instructing the knitting class. The girls are knitting squares which will be sewn together to make lap robes for convalescent soldiers.

Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Brandt are helping another Red Cross group to sew squares together to make lap robes, and to repair clothing for relief.

As you see, the girls of Maroa High School are not sleeping on the job. We want the war to end sooner too.



FIRST AID

While the boys are having military drill and most of the girls are doing Red Cross work, Miss Bottenfield is conducting a first aid class for the freshmen girls.

They have learned to apply bandages for different kinds of injuries and to administer artificial respiration. They can diagnose the cause of a patient's distress, and the extent of his wounds, and provide temporary relief.

Miss Bottenfield, we salute you and your class for such wonderful achievement in first aid.

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FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

President-----George Dial
 Vice-President-----Glen Marlow
 Sec'y-Treasurer-----Bob Daggett
 Reporter-----Roger Simms
 Advisor-----Mr. Nicol

This year the chapter made a good showing at the sectional livestock and grain fairs.

The club sponsored recreation and had a basketball team which engaged all comers. Two initiation ceremonies were held during the year and a joint party with the F.H.A. was enjoyed by all the members. The one-act play given by members of the organization was a feature of the school's assembly program.

The green hands, or freshmen members, gave talks at some of the meetings, and outside speakers were also included on many of the year's programs.

FUTURE HOMEMAHERS OF AMERICA

President-----Eroda Thomas
 Vice-President-----June Hughes
 Secretary-----Virginia Tremper
 Treasurer-----Joan Marsh
 Program Chairman-----Laura E. Hill

The Future Homemakers of America met every first and third Tuesday of the month. A chairman was appointed for every meeting, and in addition to the ones in which the members participated, there were outside speakers and social affairs.

At one meeting Mr. Keyes spoke to the group about vocations that are open to women. A nurse from Decatur discussed hygiene with the girls.

The year's social activities consisted of a Christmas party and a barn dance which was held together with the F.F.A.

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HI-TRI

President-----Joan Marsh
Vice-President-----Laura Ellen Hill
Secretary-----Helen Marie Albert
Treasurer-----Billye Anne Hoffman

The Hi-Tri organization met the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. At the beginning of the year, each new girl was introduced to the group by her "Big sister" for the day who mentioned the girl's hobbies and future goals.

During the year, topics of particular interest to girls were discussed. Each girl took part in a program sometime during the year.

The year's activities closed with the annual spring banquet.

The keywords of the organization are: Character, friendship, courtesy, pleasure, and success. The watchword is Loyalty. The Motto is: "We build the ladder by which we rise."

BOYS' CLUB

President-----Joe Vaughan
Vice-President-----Jack Cochran
Secretary-----Glenn Marlow
Treasurer-----Dean Vaughan
Advisor-----Mr. Keyes

The Boys' Club is a new organization at M.C.H.S. It replaces Hi-Y. Mr. Keyes is helping to get it started.

The chief purpose of the organization is to promote good citizenship, and to afford the boys with some good, clean recreation. The recreation meetings are held in the high school gym on specified nights during the week.



RADIO CLASS

The radio class meets every seventh hour under the direction of Mr. Keyes. This year's class consists of five members, Russell Wentworth, Benny Myers, Bob Barnett, Dick Tozer, and Carl Riley.

It is quite a thrill to these boys when they get their first reception from a radio set which they have built from a lot of parts and a schematic drawing.

ORCHESTRA

President-----Joan Marsh
Vice-President-----Evelyn Marsh
Sec'y-Treasurer-----Helen Moore
Conductor-----Mrs. Dewhirst

Thirty-five students from M.C.H.S. play in the orchestra. Their number is increased by four violinists from the Grade School, alumni, and several members of the community.

The members enjoyed a pot-luck supper and theater party at Christmas and several other pot-luck suppers during the year.

The orchestra makes many public appearances during the year at community affairs in Maroa and Decatur. Perhaps the largest of these is the annual spring concert. This year's concert was given on April sixth in the high school auditorium.

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BLUE AND GOLD STAFF



ANNUAL STAFF

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BLUE AND GOLD

Our school paper, "The Blue and Gold" is published every two weeks. Of course, it is smaller this year since we are trying to conserve paper.

Some of the features of the paper are: Little Audrey, class news, An Orchid To You, organization news, and editorials.

Many of our boys in service receive the paper and we are glad to be able to afford them a little enjoyment.

This year's staff is as follows: Co-Editors-In-Chief: Helen M. Albert, and Helen M. Penn; Associate Editor: Freda Thomas; Business Manager: Joan Marsh; Advertising Managers: Betty Smart and Willa Mae Comer; Sports Editor: Joe Vaughan; Art Editor: Gwen Hartsock; Assistant: Charlene Flannigan; Circulation Manager: Ruth Bricker; Humor Editor: Roger Simms; Reporters: Virginia Tremple, Frances Reichmann, Larry Trempe, Barbara Snedeker, and Virgil Wikoff; Mimeographers: Howard Pulliam, Paul Snedeker, Russell Wentworth, and Dean Vaughan; Typists: Laura Ellen Hill, Roberta Rogers, Shirley Bolen, Pauline Streight, Junior Riley, Richard Griffith, Bonnie Faber, and Ruth Larrick.

ANNUAL

The annual is published each year by the senior class to serve as a record of their last year at Maroa High School.

This year John Spooner and Junior Riley began the work as co-editors. When John was called into the Navy the first of March, Junior continued alone. A list of the complete staff appears elsewhere in this book.

The assembling of this year's annual was supervised by Miss Schulze, the class sponsor.

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LIBRARIANS

At the beginning of the year, those girls who wish to act as student librarians meet with Miss Schulze and have the book shelving and charging system explained to them.

A librarian is responsible for seeing that all books and papers are properly checked out and placed in the correct place when returned. Those who serve can feel that they have received some excellent practice in filing and quick thinking.

There were sixteen girls on this year's staff.

OFFICE GIRLS

This year the secretarial duties were shared by the following girls: Ruth Bricker, Helen Marie Albert, Shirley Bolon, Helen Marie Penn, Betty Smart, Willa Mae Comer, Gwen Hartsock, and Freda Thomas.

These girls had the responsibility of keeping the attendance records, answering the phone, greeting visitors, and doing general secretarial work.

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PEP COMMITTEE



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PEP COMMITTEE

At the beginning of the year, each home room elected two people to represent it on the pep committee. This year the activities of the committee consisted of selling season tickets for the basketball games and distributing handbills to announce the games. In February, with the help of the student council, they planned a very successful homecoming party.

During the year the seniors were represented by Harold Greene, Mary Ellen Wikoff, and Laura Ellen Hill. The juniors elected Danny Birt and Bill Hays. The two sophomore home rooms were represented by Harriett Carder, Jack Hockaday, Eileen Marquis, Helen Moore, and Paul Snedeker. Harold Eagler, Cora Pennypacker and Dick Pinny were the representatives of the freshman class. Corlynn Baldwin, Louise Allen, Georgia Flannigan, and Viola Wentworth were cheerleaders.

BASKETBALL 1943-'44

Maroa 20-----Faculty 35	Maroa 28---Warrensburg 34
Maroa 36-----YMCA 66	Maroa 18-----Hammond 49
Maroa 15----Blue Mound 32	Maroa 18----Blue Mound 47
Maroa 14-----Clinton 44	(County Tournament)
Maroa 16----St. Teresa 54	Maroa 32---Mt. Pulaske 68
Maroa 24---Warrensburg 22	Maroa 12-----Mt. Zion 35
Maroa 4-----Argenta 40	Maroa 27-----Decatur B 41
Maroa 24-----Alumni 19	Maroa 20-----Clinton 57
Maroa 22-----Bethany 43	Maroa 18-----Lovington 49
Maroa 13----St. Teresa 31	Maroa 12----Blue Mound 41
Maroa 15----Decatur B 27	Maroa 30-----Wapella 40
Maroa 27-----Hammond 65	Maroa 13-----Argenta 54
Maroa 22----Stonington 47	Maroa 23-----Niantic 73
Maroa 16-----Niantic 56	Maroa 17-----Argenta 53
	(Regional Tournament)

Class Tournament

Juniors 67-----Freshmen 18
Seniors 51----Sophomores 19
Seniors 38-----Juniors 30

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FOOTBALL

Maroa High had no football team this year. This was due largely to the transportation situation. Most likely there would have been several prospects for outstanding squad members.

BASKETBALL

The Maroa Trojans had a tough year in basketball. They won two out of 27 games, defeating Warrensburg 24-22, and the Alumni 24-19.

Maroa got off to a bad start by losing the coach, Leroy Brandt, to the Navy. Glenn Fisher, the science teacher, took his place and did his best with a team crippled by the loss of four first-stringers to the armed forces. Bill Hambrecht is with the Marines, Bob Wentworth and Paul Caldwell with the Army, and Bill Montgomery with the Navy. With those boys, the Trojans might have gone places.

The following boys were on the squad: Norman Weikle, Benny Myers, Bill Vaughn, Junior Riley, Glenn Marlow, John Spooner, Russell Wentworth, Don Vaughan, Danny Birt, Bob Tombaugh, Jack Cochran, Dwight Allsup, John Leach, Dean Vaughan, Jack Hockaday, Vernon Ashbrook, Howard Pulliam, and Jack Hambrecht. Paul Snedeker and James Loach were on the squad until accidents took them off the list.

The cheerleader when the season ended were Louise Allen, Viola Wentworth, and Georgia Flannigan.

In the tournaments Maroa didn't do so well. The Trojans lost out in the County when they were defeated by Blue Mound in their first game. Argenta defeated them in the Regional at Clinton.

Maroa also had an intramural class tournament this year. The Seniors defeated the Juniors in the finals by a score of 38 to 30. The high point men of the tournament were Ben Myers, a Junior, 47 points; Norman Weikle and Jack Cochran, seniors, 23 and 21 points respectively.

The high point men for the season, not including the class tournament, were: Myers 157; Weikle 102; Bill Vaughn 76; Don Vaughan 42; and Riley 39 points.

Maroa will have a short track season again this year. The boys will be out pounding the cinders whenever the weather permits.

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HOMEcoming

On February 4, Maroa High School celebrated its annual Homecoming. Because there was no football this year, a basketball game was the scene of the event. A record crowd saw Maroa play Mt. Zion, and after the game, more than 200 people attended the party which was sponsored by the Pep Committee and Student Council. Although most of the recent graduates are in the armed forces or engaged in war work, many of the older alumni returned to make it a real homecoming.

Between the two games of the evening Benny Myers, captain pro tem, crowned Charlene Flannigan queen of homecoming, and she reigned over the rest of the events of the evening.

The coronation ceremony was a colorful one. The queen and her court, attired in formals, were escorted to the dias by the starting five on Maroa's team, and the first five of the visiting team. The procession was led by little Nancy Parker, and Franklin Weikle.

The queen's attendants, two of whom were nominated in each home room at school, were the following: Joan Marsh, Shirley Bolen, Audrey Beasley, Virginia Trempe, Anna Mae Dunham, Harriett Carder, Joan Montgomery, Barbara Snedeker, and Lucille Gardner.

The Mt. Zion teams were our guests at the party which followed the game. Dancing, bingo, palm-reading, ring toss, and refreshments were planned for the party.

We hope to have as successful a homecoming next year, when the Class of 1944 will be alumni.



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JUNIOR PLAY

The Junior Class Play under the direction of Mrs. Turner was given March 15, at 7:45 P.M. This three act comedy, "My Heart's in High" concerned five young high school students caught in the whirl of commencement. The "moody" mother, her hen-pecked husband, and dear old Aunt Amity who conspired with Dorio's persistent suitor, helped make this play a grand success.

The play was presented to a full house, and the class cleared \$114 which will be used to finance the Junior-Senior banquet.

The cast of characters included:

Dorio, an adorable young miss	----- Gwen Hartsock
Elva, her moody mother	-----Willie Mae Comer
Leonidas, her meek father	----- Bill Hays
Perky, her little sister	----- Margaret Gregory
Aunt Amity, a spry old aunt	----- Frances Reichmann
Bart, her old stand-by	----- Danny Birt
Kitsie, her best friend	----- Norma Jean Stuard
Dot, a flippant classmate	----- Freda Thomas
Dash, a lively boy friend	----- Dick Tozer
Freddie, a hopeful boy friend	----- Roger Simms
Mr. Leonard Sherman, an architect	--- Jim Montgomery

Those people behind scenes who helped make the play a success were: Bob Dunham and his crew, Owen Simpson, Robert Tom- baugh, and Ben Myers on the stage gang; Charlene Flannigan and her ticket committee, Kathryn Goff, Betty Ann Pope, and Betty Gillen; Della Tozer, who was helped on the property committee by Juanita Harris and Ruth Scribner; and the publicity committee on which Evelyn Greutman was aided by Audrey Beasley, Nadeo Rose and Betty Smart.



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SENIOR PLAY

The three-act comedy "Professor, How Could You!", was presented by the senior class on December 2, 1943. More than four hundred people turned out to see the following "stars":

Keats Perry	-----	Virgil Wikoff
Vicky Randolph	-----	Helen Marie Albert
Grandma Perry	-----	Carol Joan Kirby
Grandpa Perry	-----	Carl Riley
John Appleby	-----	Larry Trompel
Priscilla Morley	-----	Shirley Bolon
Tootsie Bean	-----	Laura Ellen Hill
Butcher Boy Bean	-----	Junior Riley
Valerie Whitman	-----	Joan Marsh
Boggins	-----	Glenn Marlow

Although there were no talent scouts in the audience, those members of the community who were present enjoyed the unfolding of the following plot. Perhaps you too will remember Laura Ellen's faint, Larry's masquerade and Junior's "all brawn--no brains" as you recall the story----

"Men usually thought Vicky's pranks were cute, but Professor Perry curtly ordered Vicky to call and apologize or drop his course. Vicky sulkily obeyed. At the Perry home she overheard a bit of gossip: Professor Perry has been offered a deanship--if he can get a wife. His friend John and his family rally 'round to help. John offers his secretary, a little minx who can't spell--an ideal wife! Grandma's candidate is Tootsie Bean, a bit plump, but a masterhand with coconut cream pie. Vicky, longing for revenge, proposes a friend, Valerie, a Southern charmer who makes a fool out of every man she meets. Grandpa won't tell the name of his candidate! Convulsing scenes follow: Tootsie appears with a pie for the Professor. Her pugilist brother sees to it that he eats it! The three candidates come to dinner and wheedle and flatter the embarrassed Professor. Grandpa makes each think the Professor has proposed an elopement and they all appear ready for the dash to matrimony. There is plenty of comedy as the irate girls face each other--especially when, to save the situation, John dresses as a woman and comes weeping in passing himself off as the Professor's long-lost wife! The three girls console themselves elsewhere. In a whirlwind finish, Grandpa's candidate wins, and the Professor finds a wife in the little spitfire Vicky!

SCHOOL CALENDAR
1943-1944

Aug. 30-----First Day of School

Sept. 6 -----Labor Day--No School

Oct. 6-----End of first six weeks
7,8-----Teacher's Institute
11-15-----Harvest Week

Nov. 11-----Armistice Day--No School
17-----Blue Mound (Here)
23-----Clinton (Here)
24-----End of second six weeks
25,26-----Thanksgiving Vacation
30-----St. Teresa (There)

Dec. 2-----Senior Play
3-----Warrensburg (Here)
10-----Argenta (There)
14-----Bethany (Here)
15-17--15 P.M., 16,17-No school-flu
27-31-----Christmas Vacation

Jan. 4-----Decatur B (Here)
7-----Hammond (There)
12-----Stonington (There)
14-----Niantic (Here)
14-----End of first semester
18-----Warrensburg (There)
25-28--County Tournament at Argenta
(Maroa vs Blue Mound)

Feb. 1-----Mt. Pulaski (There)
4-----Mt. Zion (Here)--Homecoming
5-----Decatur B (There)

8-----Clinton (Here)
10,11----No school because of snow
12-----Blue Mound (There)
15-----Wapella (Here)
18-----End of first six weeks
22-----Argenta (Here)
25-----Senior Skip Day
29-----Regional at Clinton
(Maroa vs Argenta)

Mar. 3---Teacher's Institute--No school
15-----Junior Play
24-----End of second six weeks
31---Teacher's Institute--No school

Apr. 7-----Good Friday--No school
14-----Jr.-Sr. Banquet
21-----Class Night
23-----Baccalaureate
26-----End of second semester
28-----Honor Assembly (Afternoon)
28-----Commencement





